

Remarks

Claim Status and Amendments


Claims 3-7, 9-12, and 16-25 are pending in this application.

In the Notice of Allowability, claims 5 and 12 were rejoined to this application. Claim 12, however, had been dependent on canceled claim 8. The limitation of claim 8 had been added to claim 25. Thus, claim 12 has been amended to be dependent upon claim 25.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application remains in allowable condition and reconsideration and entry of these amendments is requested. Should any extensions of time or fees be necessary in order to maintain this Application in pending condition, appropriate requests are hereby made and authorization is given to debit Account Number 02-2275.

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